

WILSON FOR LEAGUE AS PART OF TREATY

Opposes Equal Vote for Small States Which Also Enter Into Agreement.

DANGER OF COMBINATION

Informal Conferences With Premiers Not Likely Before First of the New Year.

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PARIS, Dec. 14.—The pact for a league of nations will be incorporated into the peace treaty itself and not be made a separate convention, if the views of President Wilson prevail.

The President does not favor the idea of the principles of the formation of the league being worked out separately.

All neutral nations will be represented here, it is assured, during the peace conferences, and they are prepared to consider all subjects affecting their interests as well as to signify their adherence to those approved by their Governments.

President Wilson will not be able to remain for the actual peace sessions, but will give a clear interpretation of his views to the representatives of the United States and then leave for the United States. There is reason to believe, however, that it will be determined at these conferences whether or not an agreement can be reached on most of the controversial points which have arisen.

Conference Will Be Delayed.

It can be stated definitely that President Wilson's conferences with the allied Premiers to determine the broad outlines of the peace treaty will not take place before January 1.

This will be disappointing to the

President, who is desirous of beginning the conferences immediately, but Col. House was not able to make other arrangements because of the social Government formalities which bulk so important in European eyes. Included in these formalities is the approaching visit of the Kings of Italy, Serbia and the Hellenes, which will further postpone the beginning of the real business of the peace table.

Col. House still believes that the President can carry out his plan of returning to the United States by the middle of January. It has been agreed that four important conferences are to be held at the Murat home as a compliment to the President, and these will expedite matters.

There is a well defined belief that it will be possible to determine at these few conferences whether insuperable difficulties exist in the way of reaching an agreement on President Wilson's principles.

Wilson's Views Before Them.

In this connection it can be stated that before accepting these principles with only two reservations as part of the armistice terms the Allies had President Wilson's interpretation of each one of them laid before them by Col. House. This is contrary to the impression prevalent in some quarters that the allied statesmen were without comprehensive information as to the President's meaning of most of the terms.

It can be stated with authority that the two questions which from the American viewpoint present the greatest difficulties in the way of reaching an agreement are the reframing of the sea rules, both for war and peace, and the voting power in the league of nations.

The British statesmen at the beginning of the present pourparlers displayed an unwillingness to have the sea practices made a subject for discussion at the conference.

President Wilson's position, however, is that these rules and practices are as essential to peace as the land rulings.

While the outcome of the discussions on this point still seems obscure, the American diplomats are more hopeful to-day than they have been in a month. Viscount Grey's speech has given President Wilson's friends much encouragement, although it is pointed out, on the other hand, that Grey

speaks for the Aquitt following largely.

Great Britain's position may be largely determined by the results of the election of Grey's position. Judging from comment here, apparently meets President Wilson's viewpoint as to representation in the League of Nations.

The proposal to give each nation, large or small, an equal vote is regarded here as being out of the question, and President Wilson is not expected to contend for this. He, it is indicated, realizes that this would permit combinations to be formed which would be intolerable.

President Wilson will be informed by Col. House and others that the opinion of the people in Europe are unmistakably in favor of a league of nations as affording the only security against future wars, which condition is being counted upon.

Germany will not be invited to participate in the discussions or to enter any league of nations until its formation is virtually an accomplished fact. Economic isolation will be the penalty imposed on her should she refuse to enter such a compact.

WORLD SAFETY IN LEAGUE OF NATIONS

Wilson Tells Socialists How to Check Future Wars.

PARIS, Dec. 14.—President Wilson addressed a Socialist delegation which called on him to-day. The President said:

"GENTLEMEN: I received with great interest the address you have just read to me. The war through which we have just passed has illustrated in a way which never can be forgotten the extraordinary wrongs which can be perpetrated by arbitrary and irresponsible power.

"It is not possible to secure the happiness and prosperity of the world, to establish an enduring peace, unless the repetition of such wrongs is rendered impossible. This has indeed been a people's war. It has been waged against absolutism and militarism, and these enemies of liberty must from this time forth be shut out from the possibility of working their cruel will upon mankind.

"In my judgment it is not sufficient

to establish this principle. It is necessary that it should be supported by a cooperation of the nations which shall be based upon fixed and definite covenants and which shall be made certain of effective action through the instrumentality of a league of nations. I believe this to be the conviction of all thoughtful and liberal men.

"I am confident this is the thought of those who lead your own great nation and I am looking forward with peculiar pleasure to cooperating with them in securing guarantees of lasting peace of justice and right dealing which shall justify the sacrifices of this war and cause men to look back upon those sacrifices as the dramatic and final processes of their emancipation."

Ship Sunk in San Pablo Bay Crash.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 14.—The bay passenger steamer *Sehove* and Gen. Frisbie were in collision in San Pablo Bay in a fog to-day. The *Sehove* was sunk. No lives were lost.

BRITISH WOMEN ARE OUTVOTING THE MEN

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triumph, he said, had only local influence. Former Premier Anquith addressed eight meetings in East Fife and was backed at all of them. Votes of confidence, however, were given to him at all places except at Ladybank, where the votes were equal.

Arthur Henderson, Labor leader, declared in an interview that nobody knew better than Premier Lloyd George that the Labor party, in conjunction with the Trades Union Congress, was the only party representing organized workers. There was no evidence in proof of the Premier's assertion that the Labor party was Bol-

shevik. On the contrary, Mr. Henderson said, he could produce ample evidence that the Labor party sought as earnestly as he for the triumph of democratic principles.

John MacLean, the Russian Bolshevik consul in Glasgow, who was imprisoned at Edinburgh last spring for speeches hindering recruiting, made his first election campaign appearance in Glasgow yesterday, and in an impassioned speech claimed to be the standard bearer of his class in the "great fight against capitalism."

Anti-Kaiser Shop Reopens.

SPECIAL DESPATCH TO THE SUN.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., Dec. 14.—Declaring that he would not reopen his bakery until Uncle Sam's boys whipped the Kaiser, an Albemarle man closed his shop when this country entered the war.

NORWAY ASKS VOICE IN PEACE COUNCILS

Wants U. S. to Hurry Settlement for Seized Ships.

By the Associated Press.

CHRISTIANIA, Dec. 13 (delayed).—Foreign Minister Ihlen, at a special session of the Norwegian Parliament, announced to-day that the Government had asked the other Scandinavian countries to take steps to be admitted to the peace conference negotiations regarding a league of nations, a question especially concerning Scandinavian interests. A note to this effect, he said, had been handed to the French Government.

Norway also will ask that damages be paid for vessels and men destroyed when sailing on lawful business, and

conjointly with other neutral nations will try to establish an international prize court regarding America's requisitioning of Norwegian ships. He added that Norway on November 21, through its Minister in Washington, had handed the American Government a note calling for a settlement of the ship question. Norway also had made remonstrances to the American Minister in Christiania. M. Ithen declared President Wilson had promised the Norwegian Minister in Washington that the American Government would speed up the matter of a settlement.

Berlin Asks Parley Date.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—Switzerland, acting for the German Government, asked the United States to-day for official information of the date and place of the formal peace conference, and urged a prompt reply because of fear of famine in Germany.

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